

# State allocates \$500,000 to reconstruct Columbia St.

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board awarded \$500,000 to the City of Pomeroy to reconstruct Columbia Street from 6th St. to 12th St. This project will provide two lanes with parking lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The grant covers 83% of the \$600,000 project cost.

The T.I.B. awarded road and sidewalk improvement grants valued at \$70.3 million to 64 agencies at its Nov. 19 meeting in SeaTac. The grant funding comes from the revenue generated by 3 cents of the statewide gas tax dedicated by the Legislature to projects selected by the T.I.B.

The City of Pomeroy tried for several years to obtain grant funding for Columbia St. The project was funded this year due to a more than 60% increase in T.I.B. funding for small cities statewide. The additional funding responds to the large number of high priority street repair projects in small cities.

The Legislature created the T.I.B. to foster state investment in quality local transportation projects. Project funding is awarded on a competitive basis using rating criteria established by the Board and usually requires local financial participation. During 2004, local governments across the state completed or are currently building about 500 projects funded in part by T.I.B. grants.